



HONORS SCHOLAR PROGRAM

TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

First-Year Student Application Form

Priority Deadline: March 1st

Program Purpose

This program looks carefully at each applicant and seeks individuals with a wide breadth of strengths. While our students are bright and academically gifted, our program requirements go well beyond academics. As such, test scores and GPA are not the only consideration when selecting new admits.

Program Admission Guidelines

Generally, most applicants are able to demonstrate **ONE** of the following: a composite score of 28 or higher on the ACT or 1300 on the SAT (M+V) **OR** graduation in the top 5% of high school class. However, **ALL** applicants who demonstrate considerable academic promise, drive, and commitment will be considered for admission, and many applicants who meet or exceed these benchmarks may ***not*** be admitted.

All students admitted to the Honors Scholar Program receive scholarship support from TWU, its Foundation, and/or its partners. Thus, it is important to provide full and thoughtful responses in the sections below since scholarship decisions will also be based in part on your application.

I. Personal Information

Last, First & Middle Name:		Student ID:
Address, City, State, Zip:		
Email Address:	DOB:	
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	
Current High School:	Intended Major:	

Please select the semester in which you wish to enter the program:

II. Academic and Extracurricular

A. List your *most significant* academic, extracurricular, volunteer service, athletic distinctions or accomplishments. Under “Area” please indicate *academic, extracurricular, service, or athletic*.

Area	Type of Achievement, Award, or Position Held	Year

B. From these examples, which one was most significant and impactful for you and why? (50 words)

C. List all college credits you have earned or will have earned by the time you would start the honors program at TWU.

Course	Type of Credit (Dual, AP, IB)	Number of Hours Earned

If your credits exceed the table above, please attach an additional breakdown of the remaining courses and credits you anticipate completing. Preference is given to applicants who will have NO MORE than 24 hours of credit toward the core curriculum requirements and NO MORE than 36 hours of college credit overall at the time of enrollment. Students who exceed these guidelines by the time of matriculation may have their offer of admission rescinded.

III. Your Interests and Experiences

A. How interested are you in doing the following in college or sometime during your lifetime?

Use the following scale: 5 = Definitely! 4 = Very possible. 3 = Never considered it. 2 = Probably not. 1 = No way!

Interest	5	4	3	2	1
Trying new or exotic foods					
Visiting museums					
Attending plays or musicals					
Traveling or study abroad					
Learning a new language					
Humanitarian or mission work					
Working with animals					
Mentoring younger students					
Playing intramural sports					
Working for a nonprofit					
Becoming a good cook					
Becoming a leader in an organization					
Pursuing an internship					
Reading a non-fiction book for pleasure					
Taking a college course just for fun					

What other interests would you include on this list?

B. From these interests (including your additions), which is most significant for you and why? (75 words)

C. Describe an instance in your life when you pursued a particular goal, challenge or new experience, **not** related to an academic or career goal, in which you dedicated significant time and effort. This can be something that you committed yourself to because you truly felt passionate about it. What drew you to pursue this goal or experience? What sacrifices, changes, and challenges did you face? (100 words)

IV. Essay

Reflecting on Your Future

An Honors Scholar is a curious and involved critical thinker dedicated to developing themselves personally and professionally so that they may have a greater impact on the world. Fast forward and imagine yourself at the end of your career. You are retiring and reflecting back on your personal and professional accomplishments in your field and in your lifetime.

In a well-reasoned essay (approximately 250-500 words) detail what you aspire to achieve as a person and as a professional. What accomplishments do you hope to achieve in your field? As a person and a member of society?

Please attach your essay separately when submitting your application. PDF and Word formats only.

V. References

Please provide the information requested below for two teachers/coaches/mentors familiar with your abilities who may be contacted on your behalf.

Reference #1

Name:	
Position & School:	
Address, City, State, Zip:	
Email:	Phone:

Reference #2

Name:	
Position & School:	
Address, City, State, Zip:	
Email:	Phone:

Complete this application fully and return either by email (honors@twu.edu) or by mail to the Office of Honors Programs at **P.O. Box 425678, Denton, TX 76204.**